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*Description:* ff. 30 - Date? Limp vellum case with title, in ink, on spine: "Topica boetij". - Purchased from C. A. Stonehill in 1955 by Thomas E. Marston. - Shailor, B. Catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Marston MS 117.

*Notes:* -Manuscript on parchment of Boethius, De topicis differentiis.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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*Language:* Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 13th

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**Part 1:**

*Description:* - parchment - 132 x 100 (115 x 78) mm.

*Country:* England

*Region:* England

*Assigned Date:* [between 1250 and 1275]

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Document:* No

*Script:* Written in compact gothic bookhand by a single scribe, below top line.

*Notes:* One historiated initial, f. 1v, blue with white filigree and highlights against a square reddish brown ground with white filigree, showing Boethius as a monk in a blue robe seated on a chair and holding a scroll inscribed with his name, and a disciple, dressed in a red robe and holding a book inscribed with the opening words of the text proper, both figures against a grey ground with white filigree. Three illuminated initials, ff. 7v, 16v, 23r, 6- to 4-line (without ascenders or descenders), blue with white filigree against reddish brown ground with white filigree or reddish brown against blue ground with white filigree. The initials are filled with scrolling vines blue or reddish brown with white highlights, with stylized leaves, ending in dragons' heads against reddish brown or blue grounds. Descender, f. 16v, in form of a dragon, reddish brown against blue ground. Flourished initials, 2-line, and paragraph marks alternate red and blue. Binding: Date? Limp vellum case with title, in ink, on spine: "Topica boetij".

*Number of Texts:* 1

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**Text 1:**

*Author:* Boethius d. 524.

*Title:* De topicis differentiis.

*Subjects:* Boethius, d. 524.; Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval.; Latin literature, Medieval and modern.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.;

*Language(s):* Latin